

Cincinnati Park Board 2002 Annual Report

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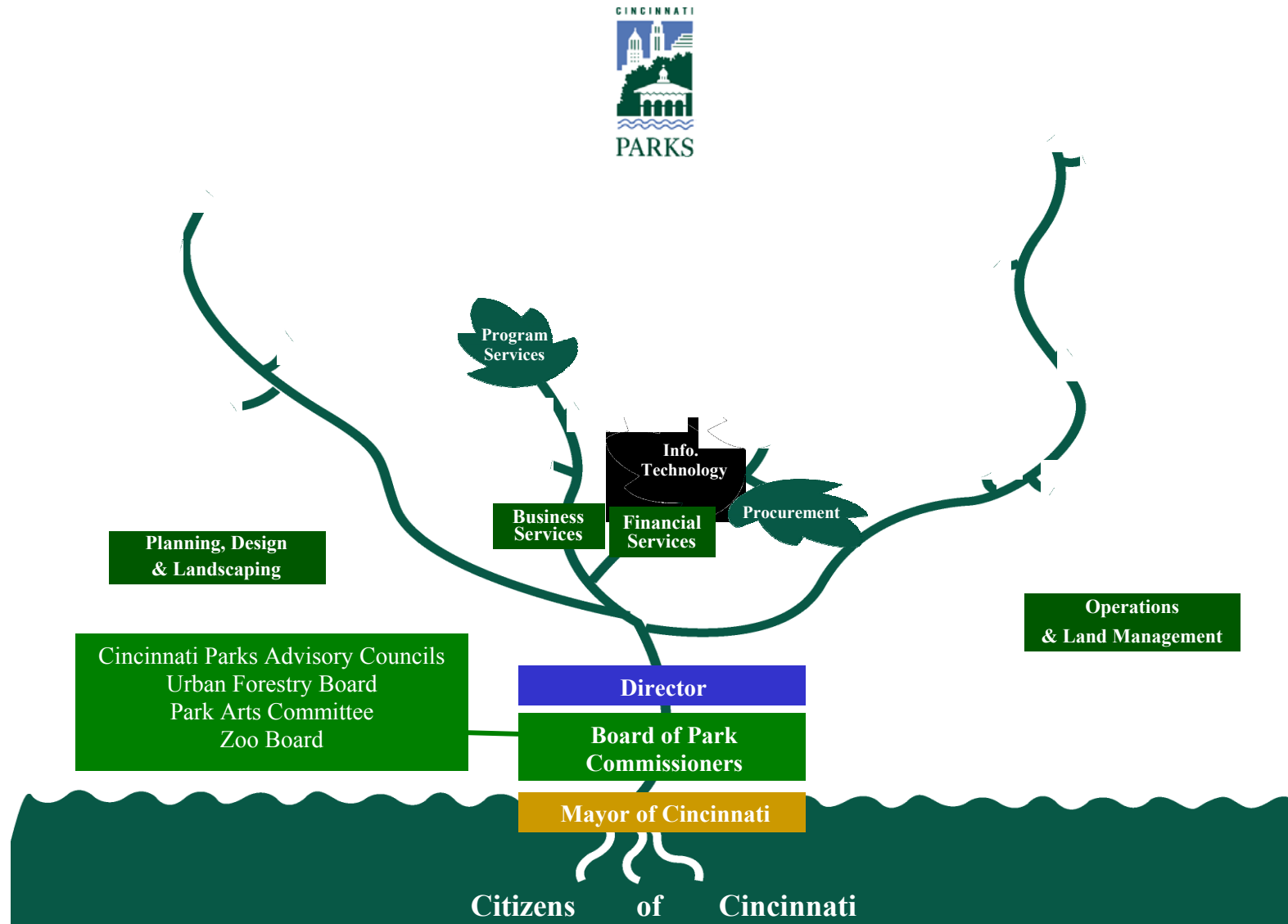
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Organizational Chart



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am very proud to provide you with our 2002 Annual Report, which describes how the employees and volunteers of the Cincinnati Park Board have been investing in your neighborhood, working in your neighborhood, volunteering in your neighborhood, and educating in your neighborhood.

EVERYBODY'S BACKYARD

There is a Cincinnati Park in every neighborhood, which is why we describe our park system as Everybody's Backyard. Surprisingly, not everyone takes the time to step outside and see the beauty that is right in their own back yard. So, during the summer of 2002 we invited members of City Council, the city administration and community leaders to take time to tour our award-winning park system and experience its beauty first hand. The tours were a great success, so much so that we were invited to make our presentation, a virtual backyard tour of Cincinnati Parks, to other city and business groups, including the Cincinnati Enquirer's Editorial Review Board.

WORKING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The departmental vision is to keep our parks clean, safe, reliable, green, and beautiful. The staff responsible to make this vision a reality had a great year. Park visitors commented that in 2002 the parks looked better than ever before. The grounds were cut and trimmed, gardens tended, picnic tables replaced, litter removed and slippery streets treated. There is a new appendix in this year's Annual Report where readers will find a detail listing of the amount of staff time worked in each park in your neighborhood.

VOLUNTEERING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Cincinnati Parks is the grateful recipient of thousands of hours of volunteer work in our parks every year. Volunteers are the heart of our community, the source of endless possibilities for our parks. They worked hard all year long, from cleaning up the parks on Green Up Day in the spring, to giving guided tours of spring-like Krohn Conservatory on those dreary winter days. Specifically, in 2002 volunteers worked over 22,000 hours in Cincinnati Parks!

INVESTING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Parks continued to pursue grants and develop partnerships for resources to meet our community's needs. Cincinnati Parks was awarded a \$500,000 grant from Urban Park and Recreation Recovery grant for the renovation of Hopkins Park located in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood. This is the largest grant awarded to a public park system in Hamilton County. With the assistance of the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, we were able to leverage private funds to complete several park improvements, including rehabilitation of the Eden Park overlook, which was dedicated in honor of Donald A. Spencer on June 30, 2002. Other park improvements completed in 2002 included the new and improved Ault Park playground in Mt. Lookout, a new Larz Anderson Park playground in Hyde Park, substantial progress on Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park on the Ohio River, the second phase of Krohn Conservatory re-glazing, and the recasting and re-dedication of the Thornton Triangle statue of Tecumseh in the Saylor Park neighborhood.

EDUCATING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The programs presented by the Park Board's Nature Education section were very strong in 2002. The section was awarded a \$50,000 Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) grant to enhance environmental awareness within Hamilton County. The school-based Nature Connections program served more than 1,850 students from city public schools. The summertime Nature Next Door program enabled hundreds of city children to enjoy free nature programs in their own backyard in five Cincinnati neighborhoods: Mt. Auburn, Price Hill, Bond Hill, Avondale and West End. Just as diversity is the very essence of nature, the Nature Education programs continued to serve the most diverse group of citizens — a cross section of cultures, ages and economic circumstances that reflect the strength of Cincinnati.

I would like to thank the Board of Park Commissioners for their unconditional support in 2002. Economic constraints caused city leaders to reassess municipal service priorities in order to make drastic city budget cuts. It was a critical turning point for Cincinnati Parks when City Council acknowledged the benefits of parks to our neighborhoods, and voted in favor of a budget policy motion that maintained our parks as a basic city service to be preserved from budget cuts. I truly believe that the Commissioners, along with the support of park volunteers, neighborhood activists, and the political and business leaders in the community, enabled Parks to remain strong in very challenging times.

Willie F. Carden, Jr.

PARKS ADMINISTRATION

Parks Administration is provided by the staff in two sections - Business Services and Financial Services. The administrative services range from direct support of the Board of Park Commissioners to encompass all financial processing and reporting human resources, customer and event services as well as Park Board policy research and coordination with the City administration. Accomplishments achieved during 2002:

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Budget, Procurement, & Reporting

- In 2002, in response to a City Council motion to reduce the Park Board's overall budget by 10% regarding the 2003-2004 biennial budget, the Financial Services Section completed a review of all Park Board budget line items and provided several options for the 10% reduction along with the impact of the options.
- Prepared the 2003-2004 biennial Capital and Operating budgets regarding City and Private Endowment Funds (PE).
- Provided monthly financial reports for all funds, as well as, a monthly cost tracking analysis for the capital projects.
- Financial Services prepares and processes all financial documents, communications, and special reports regarding City and PE Funds.
- Processed over 4,500 financial documents that included purchase orders and vouchers for the City funds.
- Processed over 1,000 financial documents that included purchase orders and vouchers for the Private Endowment funds.
- Maximized budgeted City funds to fully benefit the Cincinnati Park Board.

- Reprogrammed year-end surplus funds to cover budget shortfalls and minimize the amount of unused funds returned to the City.
- Prepared and filed for \$700,000 in grants. The Park Board filed for one Federal Grant with the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program, which was awarded in the amount of \$500,000 (For the Renovation of Hopkins Park-Mt. Auburn). The remaining two grants were filed with the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Nature-works, which are both administered by the State of Ohio, and each grant was for \$100,000.
- Completed a review of all revenue sources, program fees, and existing funds. The review included comparing existing program fees to other similar entities to arrive at the market rate. As a result of this review, the Park Board increased program fees associated to Nature Education Programs and Parking in Burnet Woods.

BUSINESS SERVICES

- Provided support for Munich delegation visit.
- Produced Parks appreciation dinner for Park Police.

Employee Safety

- Reduced the number of injuries from 30 in 2001 to 19 in 2002.
- Maintained the number of OSHA recordable injuries at nine.
- Maintained the number of lost time injuries at nine.
- Reduced number of lost time days from 152.19 to 56.0.
- The Safety Committee completed a review of preventable vehicle accidents.

- Maintained central log of vehicle accidents and employee injuries.
- Conducted first ever Safety Rodeo during the annual "All Staff" meeting.
- Prepared policy for Safety Equipment bags.

Human Resources

- Scheduled and maintained database records of employee training (107 of 115 full-time employees received 3,580 hours of training – an average of 33.45 hours per employee)!
- Scheduled and maintained database records of 29 CCY youth from June 2 through August 16 for a total of 2,239.5 hours worked by the CCY participants.
- Assisted with the preparation of Parks Academy PowerPoint presentations classes.
- Verified the accuracy of City Affirmative Action statistics and reports.
- Assisted in preparations of 21 disciplinary actions, 12 new hires/transfers, 16 promotions, and 14 separations/retirements.
- Assisted in facilitating three New and Returning Employee Orientations.
- Recognized outstanding employees through the Employee Recognition Awards nomination process.



CUSTOMER SERVICES, PROGRAMS & EVENTS

The Customer Services, Programs and Events Section provides opportunities for park clientele to reserve Cincinnati Parks' premier facilities, lodges, outdoor wedding areas, and picnic areas; secure special use park permits; and enjoy park-sponsored concerts and special events. During the 2002 season, this Section completed:

Programs & Events

- Coordinated with special events contractor CRA Solutions, Inc., in the production of Cincinnati Park Board sponsored events including:
 - The French Park Pooch Parade & Picnic,
 - The Piatt Park Acoustic Lunch Series,
 - The Big Band Series at Mt. Echo, Burnet Woods, and Stanbery Park,
 - Everybody's Backyard Picnics at Rapid Run and Kennedy Heights parks,
 - Seasongood Sunset Concert in Eden Park,
 - Mt. Airy Forest Festival
 - and, Balluminaria at Mirror Lake in Eden Park.
- Facilitated the Park Board's hosting of partner organizations' special events including:
 - The Civic Garden Clubs plant sale at Hauck Gardens,
 - Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion,
 - Juneteenth Festival in Eden Park, the Hood Tour Concert at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion,
 - Cycle Race Series in Ault Park,
 - Summer Dance series at the Ault Park Pavilion,
 - Family Fun Fridays at Rapid Run Park,

- Summer Sounds community concert series at Burnet Wood's bandstand,
- Ault Park & Hoffner Park Independence Day celebrations,
- Price Hill Day in Mt. Echo Park,
- Eden Song Series at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion,
- Eden Park Chess Tournament,
- Fernbank Park Car & Craft Show,
- Jazz & Heritage Festival in Ault & Washington Parks,
- The Over the Rhine Community Festival,
- National Night Out at Ault Park & Mt. Airy Forest,
- Artworks at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion,
- The 4C's Children's Festival in Washington Park,
- Hyde Park Art Show in Hyde Park Square,
- and various winter holiday lighting displays.

Customer Services

To maintain a strong public presence, the section:

- Produced and distributed monthly event calendars, 45 news releases, and two issues of the Parkways Newsletter to Park constituents.
- Staffed meetings of the Cincinnati Park Advisory Council with park advisory council representatives from Ault Park, Avon Woods, California Woods, the Greater Cincinnati Tree Council, Kennedy Heights Park, Laboiteaux Woods, Larz Anderson Park, Mt. Echo Park, Northside Greenspace Inc., Rapid Run Park, Stanbery Park, and Wilson Commons Park.
- Developed with Park's contractor WEB content management tools and, updated content for Park's WEB site, www.cinci-

parks.org, to which 59,533 unique visitors referenced.

- Participated in the City's WEB portal project as a pilot department.
- Participated in Tourism Day and Parks & Recreation Days on Fountain Square.
- Hosted the Park Police appreciation dinner at Maple Ridge Lodge.
- Helped coordinate Clifton Fountain groundbreaking ceremonies and the dedication of the Donald Spencer overlook in Eden Park.

<u>Reservation Services</u>	<u>Rentals</u>
Premier Facilities	
Alms Park Pavilion	18
Ault Park Pavilion	38
French House	13
Krohn Conservatory	17
Mt. Echo Pavilion	3
Oak Ridge Lodge	64
Maple Ridge Lodge	86
Total:	239
Outdoor Wedding Areas	
Ault Park Rose Garden	10
Ault Park Brumm Arbor	16
Eden Park Hinkle Gazebo	10
Mt. Airy Wedding Gardens	39
Mt. Storm Temple of Love	2
Total:	77
Group Picnic Areas	
Alms Park	21
Area 22 & Stone Steps	78
Total:	99
Picnic Shelters	
Drake Park	31
French Park	48
Mt. Airy-McFarlan Woods	40
Mt. Echo Park	41
Rapid Run	31
Total:	191
Bandstands	
Burnet Woods	9
Seasongood Pavilion	16
Washington Park	32
Total:	57

Working in Your Neighborhood



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OPERATIONS & LAND MANAGEMENT

Clean, Green, Safe, Reliable & Beautiful

The Division of Operations, Land Management and Urban Forestry manages the reliability (maintenance) and beautification of 75 parks, as well as preserves of meadowlands and prairies, and manages Park's vehicles and equipment fleet. The division is also responsible for planting and maintaining 80,000 street trees within 1,000 miles of City streets, and managing highway and gateway green space within the City.

Park Reliability and Maintenance, Cost Centers (see chart in Appendix A)

- **Operations Excellence** – The Division provided over 80 hours of practical hands-on and theory training to new Service Crew Leaders, Tree Crew Leaders, and District Crew Leaders. Established quarterly “quality circle” meetings with the participation from all Service Crew Leaders. The meeting included half-day “team building” sessions, with discussion and brainstorming for improving work quality and efficiency. Quality circles meetings took place May 17, July 31, and November 15. Topics discussed 1) Communicating the Plan, 2) Motivating, Coaching, and Constructive Criticism 3) Summarize the 2002 season and changes, wish lists and planning for the 2003 season. 4) Recap of the season and discussion with the Superintendent of Operations.
- **Seasonal Staff Recruiting** – The Division held an Open House for recruitment of Municipal Workers for the 2002 season. As a

result, over 300 applicants and inquiries were received through recruitment and advertising efforts with more than 60 interviews held. Operations hired 39 Municipal Workers for the 2002 peak work season of spring and summer. New screening and hiring procedures resulted in good quality seasonal employees, and manager's attention to performance monitoring ensured ongoing quality work and worker retention.

- **Maintenance Plans** – A total of 68 parks, representing better than 95% of our maintenance effort, have a maintenance management plan in place.
- **Fleet Management** – Assigned every vehicle and motorized small equipment to a specific employee and followed each accident with a review by Parks Employee Safety Committee “Peer Review” panel. The magnitude of vehicle and equipment damage has been reduced (less money spent on repairs).
- **Fleet Management Citywide Award** – Parks is one of two City departments to maintain a perfect record of “0” overdue preventive maintenance at the Municipal Garage, for 27 consecutive months.
- **Fleet Management Cost** – Operations established a strategy with Fleet Services to reduce equipment maintenance costs. Overall garage expenditures were \$172,000 for 2002. Compared to \$220,00 in 2001, a decrease of 28%. Fuel costs in 2002 were \$68,000 (about \$16,000 less than budgeted). Monitoring the mileage of mobile crews reduced fuel cost.

- **Operations Efficiency** – Created Weekend Schedules for Maintenance Plans and established reporting format and mechanism to gather information. Designated one Service Crew Leader in a new assignment titled “Weekend Supervisor” to oversee preparation of reserved facilities and weekend events, monitor weekend maintenance projects, and the park waste collection routes (fondly referred to as “pup trucks”). The Weekend Supervisor works a non-standard workweek, Friday through Tuesday, as do the weekend crews. This practice eliminated overtime costs in 2002.
- **More Cost Savings** – Managers researched outsourcing of tree pruning and maintenance work in parks. Created a Request for Proposal (RFP) for contracting out tree work. Based on competitive wages, maintaining in-house crews was determined to be more cost effective and saved taxpayers over \$40,000 in 2001. This savings was used to enhance the plantings on the Fort Washington Way decks.

GREENSPACE AND LAND MANAGEMENT (greenspace, conservation, trails, landscaping, and gardens)

- Installed wildflower prairies at McEvoy Park and Eden Park Hillside
- **“Green” Recycling Plan** – Operations presented a regional approach to “Green” recycling involving the Hamilton County Park District and Cinergy. Cinergy has applied for a “burn” permit to the OEPA. This permit will enable Cinergy to burn wood

OPERATIONS & LAND MANAGEMENT

chips generated by dead and downed street trees and pruning brush.

- Established GIS Maintenance Plans for Highway Program - 90% completed, new orthophotos received, Fort Washington Way construction digitized.
- Completed Hopple Street Gateway.
- “Nations in Bloom” Status – An outline was created for Nations in Bloom and presented to several organizations attempting to create a “Horticultural Coalition” in Cincinnati. This coalition will apply as a group for Nations in Bloom award in 2004.
- “Great American Cleanup” in cooperation with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, about 100 volunteers worked more than 600 hours throughout neighborhood parks
- Planted three seasonal floral displays – The Fort Washington Way bridge planters were planted with colorful spring, summer and fall displays, with the assistance of many Parks volunteers. Coordinated ODOT beautification grant to landscape Fort Washington Way connectors.
- A Cincinnati garden in the 2005 European flower show - design created and fund raising strategy in place to create, plant and endow the maintenance of a Cincinnati USA garden to be planted in Reim park in Munich, Germany as part of the 2005 European international flower show in Munich, Germany. The Park Board has approved the plans for this project.

CINCINNATI PARKS BY THE NUMBERS

- 5 "region-serving" parks
- 70 neighborhood parks
- 34 preserves and natural areas
- 5 parkways
- 50 miles of hiking trails
- 80,000 street trees on 1,000 miles of the city
- 1,000 plant species at the Krohn Conservatory
- 5 nature centers
- 52 playgrounds
- 106 full-time employees
- 400 volunteers
- 9 scenic overlooks

URBAN FORESTRY/STREET TREE PROGRAM

The City's street tree assessment which funds the Urban Forestry program managed by the Park Board, must be reviewed and legislation passed by City Council every year to place the assessment on the property tax records of Hamilton County. The assessment is accounted for in the restricted Urban Forestry Fund. The budget for 2002 was \$1.4 million, funding 6.5 positions and \$1 million in contractual tree planting and tree maintenance services. In effect, 70% of the street tree program was contracted services.

- Received Tree City USA award in 2002, for the 21st consecutive year, and Tree City USA growth award for the 7th consecutive year.
- Established a Park Board Urban Forest Emergency Response and Recovery Plan of procedures regarding weather-related emergency events (i.e. tornados, severe storms, and heavy rains). Davey Resource Group prepared the document, a division of Davey Tree Expert Company. The Park Board, at their November 2002 meeting, approved the Emergency Plan. The plan was presented to City officials and incorporated into the Citywide Emergency Procedure plan.
- A Street Tree planning and priorities plan was approved at the March Park Board meeting. The comprehensive report outlined historical data and the reasons why maintenance is done on a six-year rotation. Planting priorities have been set: first to replace removed trees, second to take advantage of partnership opportunities, and third to plant the neighborhoods which have a tree canopy deficit.

- Established plantings along Vine Street in Over-the-Rhine in response to Mayor Luken's initiative.
- Street Trees 6 Year Preventive Maintenance Cycle – The 2002 Preventive Maintenance Communities included: CUF, Camp Washington, English Woods, Fay Apartments, Millvale, North Fairmount, South Cumminsville, South Fairmount, and Westwood. Urban Forestry removed 286 dead, dying, and hazardous City street trees; pruned 7,350 street trees for improved street and sidewalk clearances and to improve the health of the tree and safety of our City streets. Performed 260 crew-hours of tree work upon wooded right-of-ways.
- Revamped Urban Forestry Website – redesigned a more user friendly and eye-pleasing site for new, increased, and repeat "hits." The new design was completed and posted on the Internet in summer 2002. The site is more customer friendly and allows for easier navigation.
- Organized the local "Arbor Day" Celebration.
- Contacted community organizations and established locations for tree planting. A special presentation was made at the Sayler Park Elementary School. Over 200 students participated in the celebrations.

Street Tree Statistics

- There were 643 trees planted to replace 752 street trees removed.
- Responded to 643 storm emergency calls and completed 987 stump removals.

URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS IN 2002

Carly Cooley Fullman, Chairperson
Reno Runck, Vice Chairperson
Andrea P. Betts, Green Industry
Steve Briggs, City Planning Department
Eric Doepke, Green Industry
Paul Gallagher, Community at Large
Prem Garg, City Engineer
Bob Richardson, City Architect
Len Thomas, U.C. Office of the Univ. Architect

PLANNING & DESIGN

Infrastructure renovation, park enhancement and restoration, facility repair and management, and long range planning and design, are the central focus of the Planning & Design division. The division also handles property issues, such as land transactions and easements. Major accomplishments of the Planning Division in 2002 included the following:

Capital Improvements and Planning/Design

- Substantial completion of construction of Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park (TMBIFP).
- Completion of the Donald Spencer Overlook in Eden Park.
- Completion of the Mary Richards Playground in Ault Park.
- Completion of the Clifton Plaza and Fountain in Burnet Woods.
- Completion of the second phase implementation of the Fernbank Park master plan including construction of a hike/bike loop, promenade, and pedestrian bridge.
- Drafted an agreement for a lease of Fernbank Park to the Hamilton County Park District.
- Development of an agreement for the sale of Turkey Ridge Park to Cincinnati Public Schools in exchange for funding, future property transfers to parks, and perpetual site maintenance, among other conditions.
- Creation of preliminary design drawings for Central Riverfront Park. Obtained additional funding for design of the park, and extensive work with stakeholders and Federal officials and representatives to continue park planning and funding.

- Secured \$500,000 grant for the redesign of Mt. Auburn's Hopkins Park.
- Restoration and reinstallation of the Thornton Statue in Sayler Park.
- Installation of new play equipment at Larz Anderson, Stella, Jergens and Dunore Parks
- Completion of the second phase reglazing of Krohn Conservatory.
- Renovation of the HVAC system for the gift shop and basement office areas at Krohn
- Repair and replacement of doors at Krohn
- Worked with Munich designers of the pavilion for TMBIFP and the two artists selected for TMBIFP commissions.
- Redesigned and reconstructed the Gale Garden at Krohn.
- Completed an agreement with Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority for the redevelopment of Laurel Park.
- Negotiated agreement with Department of Community Development for transfer of greenspace property to Parks.
- Worked with the community and the Art Academy on new art benches at Washington Park, and with ArtWorks and the Art Museum on art enhancements to the Eden Park bus shelter.
- Developed landscape enhancement plans for Torrence Parkway.
- Repaved the south garden walks at Ault Park.
- Carried out over 60 audits of park buildings to determine detailed facility needs.
- Selected conservator to restore Kilgour Fountain in Hyde Park Square.
- Completed crossing agreement with SORTA for access to TMBIFP.
- Worked with the Kennedy Heights community on park planning for parks in that community.

Facility Management

- Completed over 900 preventive maintenance tasks.
- Provided facility management for 121 buildings including lodges, pavilions, shelters and comfort stations.
- Provided support for Krohn show changes, the Mt. Airy Forest Festival, and the Ault Park Flower Show.
- Dewinterized and maintained 46 seasonal facilities.

Educating in Your Neighborhood



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NATURE EDUCATION

Environmental Educational Services reached 45,089 people in 2002 through public weekend programs, school field trips, summer day camps, after school programs, city wide special events and inner city "at risk" youth nature programs. Nature Education programs were offered at the five Cincinnati Park Board nature centers, as well as in parks located in many Cincinnati neighborhoods. Nature Education highlights of 2002:

- Provided 1,240 programs to 45,089 participants residing in Cincinnati and surrounding communities.
- Revenue up 15% from \$86,776 in 2001 to \$99,854 in 2002.
- Nature Education received 832 program evaluations from program participants, teachers, parents and community councils. Over 95% of the evaluations received a rating of Very Good to Excellent.
- Nature Education staff applied for and received a two year \$50,000 grant from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund to provide funding for the inner city "Nature Connection" program. This program served 1,850 Cincinnati inner city public school students in 2002 and is estimated to triple in participants in 2003.
- Nature Education staff initiated and developed partnerships to provide programs and bus transportation for needy schools and agencies. Partnerships were formed with Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation League, and Green Acres Foundation, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Hamilton County Park District, Hamilton County Environmental Services, Northside Greenspace, Millcreek Restoration, and the Sierra Club. Total value of these

partnerships through free buses and program fees is \$14,500.

- The summer free inner city "Nature Next Door" day camp served over 3,500 "at risk" youth in the following inner city parks; Inwood Park, Martin Luther King Park, Bond Hill Park, Dempsey Park, and Dyer Park. This free program was partially funded with a \$7,500 grant from the Segoe Foundation.
- The summer 2002 Nature camps had 1,200 registered campers which equal over 6,000 camper days. The free drop in Nature Next Door camp provided summer activities for 3,500 inner city children. The total attendance for summer camp was 9,500 youth.
- Nature Education staff offered 34 separate day camps in 16 different neighborhoods during the summer of 2002. These day camps served children in all 52 Cincinnati neighborhoods.
- Provided Cincinnati residents with 96 free family oriented weekend nature programs in all major parks in or near the 52 Cincinnati neighborhoods.
- Nature Education staff presented 386 school field trip programs to over 14,000 students in grades K through 12.
- Over 200 Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) with more than 7,000 students took part in this program. The CPS students attending CPB programs were comprised of 74% minorities.
- The Cincinnati Park Naturalist staff was the host agency for the National Association of Interpreters Region 4 workshop in March 2002.
- Four quarterly Nature Activity Program Guides were written and bulked mailed to more than 2,500 program users in 2002.

- A comprehensive School Field Trip Program Guide was written, printed and distributed to more than 3,000 local teachers.
- Provided 14 outreach programs to libraries throughout the city. Staff worked with librarians to provide follow-up activities for neighborhood children.



KROHN CONSERVATORY

The Krohn Conservatory is one of the nation's largest public conservatories managed by a city park department, representing more than 1,000 plant types from all over the world as well as a permanent plant collection, bonsai display, gift shop, and visitors' center. The Krohn Conservatory also provides a beautiful setting for a variety of floral shows, educational programs, and special events. Growing and propagating for the Krohn Conservatory and the parks is done at The Warder Nursery in Finneytown. During 2002, the Krohn Conservatory:

- Produced 4 floral shows.
- A \$35,000 renovation of the Gale Garden was made possible by a donation from Mr. Gale.
- Exceeded 90% customer satisfaction approval rating with magnificent floral shows.
- Operated satellite gift shop at Tower Place while the Conservatory was closed for glass renovation.
- Hosted 50+ events, public and private.
- Krohn/Warder had 300 active volunteers who donated over 6,280 hours in 2002.
- Warder produced over 13,268 plants of varying sizes for Krohn's floral shows, 7,300 pansies and 34,331 annuals for outside floral beds.
- A new general brochure for Krohn was produced in 2002. This brochure was produced by volunteers.

- The Friends of Krohn Conservatory raised more than \$32,000 in 2002. A list of contributors is located under the Cincinnati Parks Foundation section of this report.

Butterfly Show

The seventh annual Butterfly Show took place for six weeks during May and June. The spectacular show resulted in:

- \$142,000 in paid admissions.
- Over 52,000 visitors.
- \$35,000 in cash sponsorships.
- Over 8,500 students visited the butterfly show with their schools.


Supporters

In addition to the many volunteers who give their time at Krohn Conservatory and Warder Nursery, the Park Board is grateful to the individuals, foundations, companies and groups who provide funding and in-kind services to Krohn:

- Cathy Moon for her outstanding support of Friends of Krohn
- Friends of Krohn is a membership group which provides support and funding for Krohn.
- Special recognition is given to the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society, Bonsai Society of Greater Cincinnati, to the sponsors of the Butterfly Show and other floral shows and events. These include B.J. Ahrens, Joseph Beth Books, Brumm Family, Cincinnati Metro, Cincinnati Post, Cincinnati Horticulture Society, Clear Channel, Judy

Dominic, Delhi Flower and Garden Center, Oliver Gale, Department of Public Services, Friends of Krohn, Jones the Florist, Kentucky Speedway, Ladislav and Vilma Segoe Family Foundation, LaRosa's Pizza, Lazarus Fund of the Federated Foundation, Brian McGee, Miami Systems, Midwest Landscape Association, RPI, Scherzinger Pest Control, Sylvia Shor, Mike Tepe Tower Place, United Dairy Farmers, Washington Limousine, Wild Birds Unlimited, Wooden Nickel.

Krohn Contributors



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Volunteering in Your Neighborhood



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VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteers expressed their concern for the Cincinnati Parks by giving their time and talents to perform priceless service to the community.

Volunteers were involved in numerous Cincinnati Parks' projects and daily functions such as, educating the community about Krohn as a tour guide or Krohn Zone Cart interpreter. They also helped in providing assistance in the Gift Shop and worked with staff as a horticulture helper. Special events such as the Butterfly Show, Orchid/Bonsai Show, and End of Show Sale would not be possible without the help of volunteers.

More work projects were provided by volunteers to Cincinnati Parks in 2002 than any other year, which resulted in more groups being introduced to the Parks and its needs. A volunteer gardening group was started this year, which will be a wonderful way to grow our volunteer staff. Currently, efforts are being made to locate and contact volunteers who maintain greenspaces outside of our parks in order to provide better communication with them and a more consistent result in the gardens.

It is difficult to keep an accurate count of volunteers hours when groups are involved, but the number of volunteer hours given in the Cincinnati Parks in 2002 was approximately **22,638.5 hours**. A detailed summary is provided in the chart on the right.

The Park Board appreciates the opportunity to work with so many volunteers again this year, and to support wonderful groups of caring volunteers in our community. Their generosity of time and talent is invaluable and appreciated.

Summary Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Activity	Hours Given
Bonsai Society	228.0
Butterfly Show	2,362.5
Craft Group	165.0
End of Show Sale	72.0
Friends of Krohn	840.0
Gardening Projects	7,970.0
Gift Shop	197.0
Green Up Day	1,145.0
Holiday Park	38.5
Horticulture Helpers	982.0
Krohn Zone Cart	220.0
Nature Education	350.0
Orchid Show	200.0
Parks Library & Archives	560.0
Pre-Spring Show	158.0
Scout Projects	200.0
Show Change	160.0
Special Events	270.0
Tour Guides	94.5
Trail Patrol	300.0
Training Hours	204.0
Volunteer/Staff Projects	300.0
Warder Nursery	359.0
Work Projects	5,263.0
TOTAL	22,638.5



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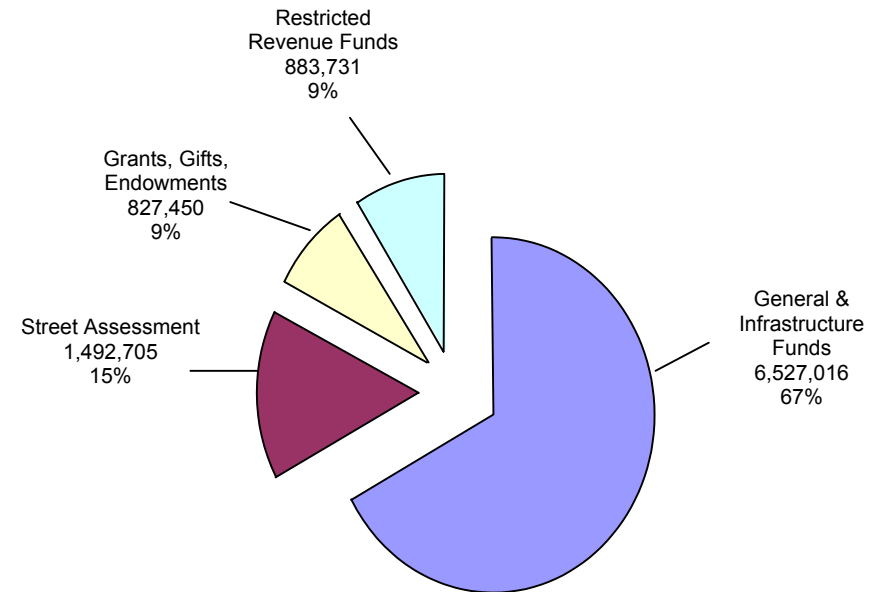
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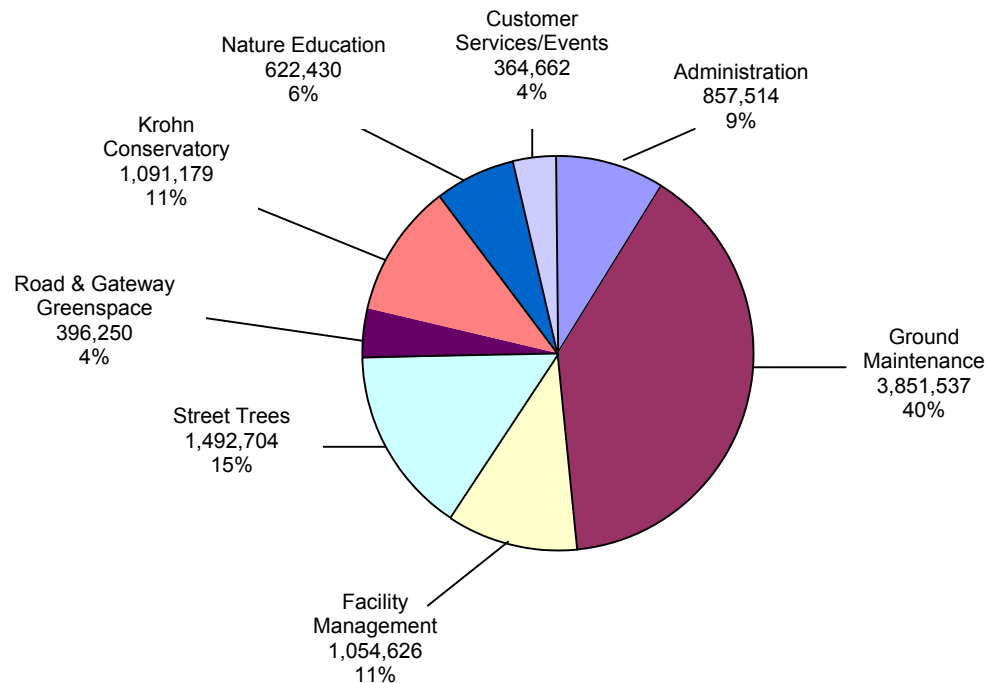
Cincinnati Parks' all-funds budget in 2002 was \$13 million. Of this total, 13% came from such non-tax supported sources as grants, donations, endowments, and sponsorships, as well as fees and permits. Private fundraising for parks is led by the Cincinnati Parks Foundation. Exclusive of capital improvements, the basic park operation budget component of the above total was \$9.7 million. The pie charts illustrate the resource and expenditure budgets for 2002.

- Admissions, fees, rents, permits, and sales generated almost \$1 million in revenue funds.
- Private endowments funded almost \$1 million.
- Of the \$9.7 million all-funds operating budget, 18% came from non-tax resources.

2002 Operating Resources \$9,730,902



2002 Operating Expenditure Budget \$9,730,902



CINCINNATI PARKS FOUNDATION

***Mission:** To build broad based private/public partnerships supporting the conservation and enhancement of our City's parks and greenspaces*

The Cincinnati Parks Foundation is a nonprofit charitable 501 (c) (3) organization. It was created by the Board of Park Commissioners in 1995 to develop a long-term continuous fundraising program to support our City's parks and greenspaces. Under our Foundations Code of Regulations, the "members" of our Foundation are the Board of Park Commissioners. Trustees of our Foundation, nominated and approved by our Executive Committee, are appointed by the "members" (i.e. the Board of Park Commissioners).

Our organizational structure is designed to provide a relationship between the Foundation and the Board of the Park Commissioners that fosters a spirit of cooperation, collaboration, and partnership.

The following are some of the highlights of the Park Foundation's 2002 efforts:

- The Ladislav and Vilma Segoe Family Foundation supported both Nature Next Door (a program designed to take nature to inner city children by offering nature education within neighborhood parks) and Butterflies Under Glass (a nature education program whereby children visit Krohn Conservatory during the annual Butterfly Show). The Cincinnati Parks are most grateful for the Segoe Family Foundation's grant that helped present nature education to the children of Cincinnati in such enjoyable and inspiring ways.

- The Ahrens Family Foundation sponsored the 2002 Holiday Show as a tribute to Betty Jane Ahrens' love of Krohn Conservatory. Mrs. Ahrens (who passed away on March 25, 2002) gave not only money to the Cincinnati Parks during her lifetime-- she gave her time and talent as well. For some 27 years, Mrs. Ahrens volunteered for the Cincinnati Parks, first as a volunteer at Krohn Conservatory's gift shop, and later as a Trustee for the Foundation's Board. The Cincinnati Parks were very fortunate to have had B.J. Ahrens' friendship.
- The Lazarus Fund of The Federated Foundation underwrote the expenses associated with the Butterfly Show. Their efforts enabled the purchase and shipping of butterflies and allowed for the attendance fee to be waived for Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- The Clifton community celebrated their 150th anniversary and the history of the neighborhood with a new fountain and plaza made possible through the efforts of the Clifton Fountain Committee and the generosity of donors. The fountain provides a place for people to rest and enjoy the soothing sounds of flowing water.
- Children visiting Ault Park will be able to enjoy a safe, age appropriate play area due to the generosity of donors who contributed to the new Mary Dryden Richards Playground.
- The Donald A. Spencer Overlook located in Eden Park has a picturesque view of the Ohio River and the Northern shore of Kentucky. Donald Spencer, for whom the overlook is named, is a man whose entire life has been guided by a genuine love of Cincinnati. The overlook renovations included reconstructing the wall and sidewalk, expansion of the green areas, and placement of furnishings including benches, tables, and landscape plantings.



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- Tree City USA Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation
- Tree City USA Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation

Natural Resource Management Section (in partnership with ODOT and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful) received the Merit Award for Highway Greenspace Program from the National Arbor Day Foundation

- **Lew Spurlock** received the “Moon Rock Lunar and Meteorite Certification” from NASA. He now has the authority to sign out moon rocks for programs.

LOCAL AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Park Board Staff

- Gold Medal Award for the Cincinnati Flower Show Exhibit from the American Horticultural Society
- Civic Garden Center Awards for City Beautification (7 awards)
- Civic Garden Center Award Winners: Paul Mitchell, Pat Osterhaus, James Pizzo
- Erin Morris received the “Volunteer of the Year” award from the Paddock Hills Community Council.
- George Hardebeck served as General Chair for the Spring Eco-weekend held in conjunction with the Ohio Prairie Conference
- Vivian Wagner was re-certified as a “Certified Park and Recreation Professional” through OPRA.
- Dedication of the Donald A. Spencer Overlook in Eden Park (June 30, 2002).

- Dedication of the Diggs Fountain Plaza in Burnet Woods (October 26, 2002).

Dave Gamstetter

- Civic Garden Center Leadership Award

Natural Resource Management

- Earth Day Environmental Award for Tree Canopy Study from the Greater Cincinnati Earth Coalition
- Certificate of Appreciation for Urban Foresters for Volunteering for Adopt-a-Highway Program from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

Operations Division

- Excellence in Fleet Management from Cincinnati Municipal Garage

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- Silver Bowl Award in the Civic Garden Center’s Beautification Awards

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- Bachelor’s Degree in Business. Graduated with Honors

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Most Improved Park: McEvoy

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Mentor of the Year: Sylvonna Braddock-Bedford

Safety Award: Mary Hendrix and Greg Peck

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NATIONAL LECTURES

- Gerald Checco: Cincinnati Parks, Beautification lectures in Paris & Nancy, France
 - BUGA Flower Show 2005 lecture in Munich, Germany
 - Ecological Restoration of Urban Forests lecture for the Langdon Society
- **Erin Morris** was General Chair for the National Association of Interpreters Region 4, coordinating efforts of nine local, county, state and national agencies to create a jam-packed 4-day workshop attended by interpreters from five states and one province. She was assisted by these CPB staff members: Chris Carroll (Registration Chair; Publications Co-chair), Vivian Wagner (Programs Chair; Publications Co-chair).
- Andrea Schepmann: Creative Ideas for Butterfly Displays, NAI Regional Workshop; Invertebrates in Captivity Conference, Tucson, AZ
- Staff hosted the National Association for Interpretation region 4 (Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Ontario) workshop in Cincinnati.
- Chris Carroll was nominated for NAI's "Outstanding New Interpreter."
- The Nature Education program consistently received public evaluation ratings of 90% or over for the various Nature Education programs held throughout 2002.
- Dave Boutelle: Presented a Power Point presentation and workshop for the Buildings &

Inspection Dept. Hazard Tree Analysis Training session.

- Dave Gamstetter: Civic Beautification Leadership Award; Presenter - Society of American Foresters National Conference; Published - Tree Care Industry Magazine (May 2002).
- Robin O. Hunt: Coauthored two articles in the Journal of Arboriculture, Volume 28, No. 6: "Which Comes First, the Root or the Crack?" D'Amato et. al.; "Root Growth beneath Sidewalks near Trees of Genera", D'Amato et. al.
- All foresters and Jim G. & Phil Siefert retained their arborist certification.
- All foresters & tree crew retained their Pesticide Applicator's License.

APPENDIX

Cincinnati Park Board

Division of Operations and Land Management

2002 Cost Centers

Parks	Staff Hrs	Staff Cost	Contract	Garage/ Fuel	Supplies	Total
Alms	2836	33,277		5,141	2,792	\$ 41,211
Ault	14,520.5	183,088	8,637	28,288	23,361	\$ 243,374
Auburn			550	0	0	\$ 550
Annwood	331.5	5,301	550	819	445	\$ 7,114
Avon Woods	387	5,128		792	430	\$ 6,350
Bellevue	1510	16,151		2,495	1,355	\$ 20,001
Bettman	569	8,385		1,296	703	\$ 10,384
Bishop			440	0	0	\$ 440
Bowdle	175.5	1,984	550	307	166	\$ 3,008
Burnet	3,675.0	47,553		7,347	3,990	\$ 58,889
Buttercup	51.5	647		100	54	\$ 802
Caldwell	1082.5	13,623		2,105	1,143	\$ 16,871
California	1207.5	13,365		2,065	1,121	\$ 16,551
Central Avenue	157	2,425		375	203	\$ 3,003
Central Parkway	2104	23,323	18,000	3,603	1,957	\$ 46,883
Chestnut	37.5	550	1,340	85	46	\$ 2,021
Clarks Point	268	4,021		621	337	\$ 4,980
Classen	341.5	4,243	330	656	356	\$ 5,584
Columbia Pkwy.	925	10,431	1,210	1,612	875	\$ 14,127
Drake	1435.5	17,076		2,638	1,433	\$ 21,147
Dunore	265.5	3,178	770	491	267	\$ 4,705
Eden	18,441.0	226,006		34,919	18,962	\$ 279,887
Eggleston	0.5	11	18,000	2	1	\$ 18,014
Ezzard Charles	305.5	4,270		660	358	\$ 5,288
Fairview	1112	12,474		1,927	1,047	\$ 15,448
Fernbank	1600	22,573	32,000	3,488	1,894	\$ 59,954
Fleischman	445.5	5,049	30,000	780	424	\$ 36,253
Fountain Square	100	1,539	33,000	238	129	\$ 34,906
French	2777.5	35,198		5,438	2,953	\$ 43,590
Friendship	12	215		33	18	\$ 267
Geier	571.0	8,160		1,261	685	\$ 10,105
Glenway	642	8,909		1,376	747	\$ 11,033
Glenway Woods	105	1,499		232	126	\$ 1,856

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Hauck House			13,925		0	
Hoffner	204.5	3,264	770	504	274	\$ 4,813
Hopkins	152.5	1,764	660	272	148	\$ 2,844
Hyde Park Square	430	6,364		983	534	\$ 7,881
Inwood	1509.1	21,227		3,280	1,781	\$ 26,288
Jackson Hill	700	8,693	990	1,343	729	\$ 11,756
Jergens	479.5	7,344	550	1,135	616	\$ 9,644
Kennedy	1562.5	17,868		2,761	1,499	\$ 22,128
Kennedy Triangle	339	4,032		623	338	\$ 4,994
LaBoiteaux	409	5,504		850	462	\$ 6,816
Larz Anderson	412.5	4,702	3,040	727	395	\$ 8,863
Settle	144.5	1,651		255	138	\$ 2,044
Lytle	2808	30,676		4,740	2,574	\$ 37,989
Madison	348.5	3,592		555	301	\$ 4,448
Magrish	499.5	5,716		883	480	\$ 7,079
Mayfield	264	3,910		604	328	\$ 4,842
Marion Triangle			330	0	0	\$ 330
McEvoy	2185	23,307		3,601	1,955	\$ 28,864
McQueenty	35	510	1,480	79	43	\$ 2,112
Miles Edwards	312	4,458		689	374	\$ 5,521
MLK	357.5	4,177	880	645	350	\$ 6,052
Montgomery Triangle	246.5	3,127		483	262	\$ 3,873
Morris	186.5	2,312		357	194	\$ 2,863
Mt. Airy	20,073.5	297,172		45,914	24,932	\$ 368,019
Mt. Echo	7178	86,537		13,370	7,260	\$ 107,168
Mt. Storm	1678	17,301		2,673	1,452	\$ 21,426
Oldenview	282	4,042		624	339	\$ 5,006
Owls Nest	676	7,920		1,224	665	\$ 9,809
Parkers Woods	247.5	3,111		481	261	\$ 3,853
Piatt	45	703	18,000	109	59	\$ 18,871
Pioneer	576	6,821		1,054	572	\$ 8,447
Rapid Run	2774.5	32,349		4,998	2,714	\$ 40,061
Rawson	244.5	2,931		453	246	\$ 3,630

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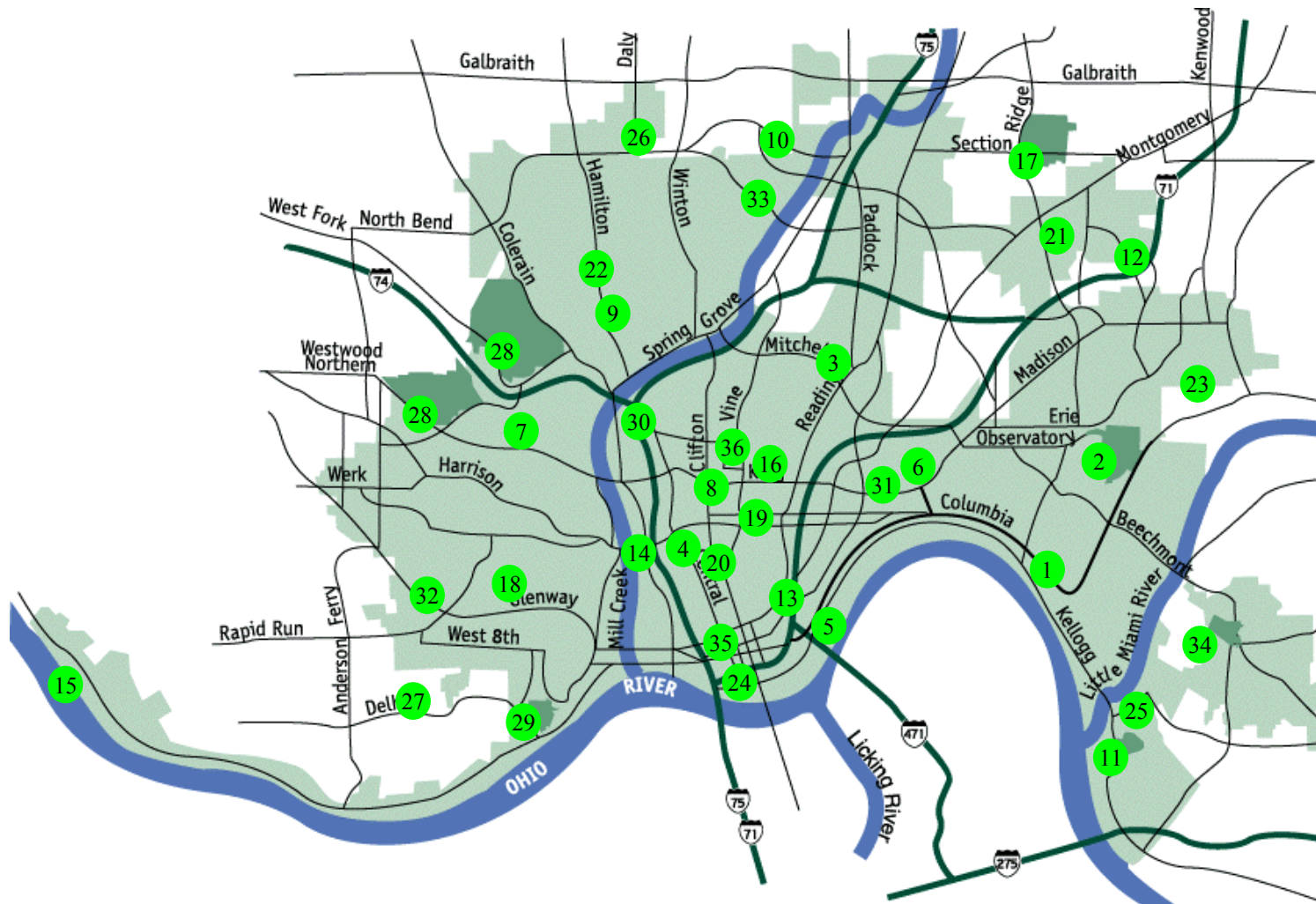
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Sayler	313	4,487	4,440	693	376	\$ 9,996
Seasongood	329	4,144	880	640	348	\$ 6,012
Seymour	102	1,264		195	106	\$ 1,565
Stanbery	1807.5	19,055		2,944	1,599	\$ 23,598
Stella	260	2,735	660	423	229	\$ 4,047
Stuart	52.5	771	1,340	119	65	\$ 2,295
Sycamore Hill	146	1,792	550	277	150	\$ 2,769
Thorton Triangle			1,060	0	0	\$ 1,060
Torrence	769	11,358	3,298	1,755	953	\$ 17,364
Town Hall	286.5	3,729		576	313	\$ 4,618
Valley	411.5	4,655	1,540	719	391	\$ 7,305
Victory Parkway	2098	21,821		3,371	1,831	\$ 27,023
Warder	408.5	5,866		906	492	\$ 7,264
Washington	2850.5	29,528		4,562	2,477	\$ 36,568
Wilson	331	4,674		722	392	\$ 5,789
Wulsin	131.5	1,176		182	99	\$ 1,456
Misc. Parks		104,048		16,076	8,729	\$ 128,853
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Urban Forestry	9,285.5	176,218	1,308,304	27,226	36,535	\$ 1,548,282
Tree Crew	1,041.0	14,023	45,000	2,167	729	\$ 61,919
Greenspace	4071.5	57,021	257,511	8,810	65,958	\$ 389,300
Pup Truck	8,291.5	99,274		15,338	5,162	\$ 119,774
Management/Supervision		475,996				\$ 475,996
Administration support		120,000				\$ 120,000
Total		2,506,373	1,810,585	295,160	247,588	4,845,781

Staff Cost	Contract	Garage/ Fuel	Supplies	Total
52%	37%	6%	5%	100%

Major Parks & Preserves



1-Alms Park, 2-Ault Park, 3-Avon Woods, 4-Bellevue Hill Park, 5-Berry, Theodore M., Int'l Friendship Park, 6-Bettman Center, 7-Brodbeck Preserve, 8-Burnet Woods, 9-Buttercup Valley & Parkers Woods, 10-Caldwell Preserve, 11-California Woods, 12-Drake Park, 13-Eden Park & Krohn Conservatory, 14-Fairview Park, 15-Fernbank Park, 16-Fleischmann Gardens, 17-French Park, 18-Glenway Woods, 19-Hauck Gardens, 20-Inwood Park, 21-Kennedy Heights Park, 22-LaBoiteaux Woods, 23-Little Duck Creek, 24-Lytle Park, 25-Magrish Preserve, 26-McEvoy Park, 27-Miles Edward Park, 28-Mt. Airy Forest, 29-Mt. Echo Park, 30-Mt. Storm Park, 31-Owl's Nest Park, 32-Rapid Run Park, 33-Seymour Preserve, 34-Stanbery Park, 35-Washington Park, 36-Zoo